

METHODS OF DIAGNOSING LIVER FIBROSIS**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention provides a method of
5 diagnosing the presence or severity of liver fibrosis in
an individual by detecting α 2-macroglobulin (α 2-MG) in a
sample from the individual; detecting hyaluronic acid
(HA) in a sample from the individual; detecting tissue
inhibitor of metalloproteinases-1 (TIMP-1) in a sample
10 from the individual; and diagnosing the presence or
severity of liver fibrosis in the individual based on the
presence or level of α 2-MG, HA and TIMP-1.